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*= less than 0.5 percent

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	48	28	20	49	10	39	3
9/15/13	47	25	22	47	11	37	6
7/21/13	49	25	24	44	12	32	7
5/19/13	51	32	20	44	10	33	5
4/14/13	50	27	23	45	10	35	5
3/10/13	50	29	21	46	11	36	4
1/13/13	55	32	23	41	8	33	4
12/16/12	54	33	21	42	9	32	5
11/4/12 RV	52	33	10	46	10	36	2
11/3/12 RV	51	33	10	47	10	37	2
11/2/12 RV	51	32	11	47	11	36	2
11/1/12 RV	50	31	11	48	11	37	2
10/31/12 RV	50	30	11	48	11	37	2
10/30/12 RV	50	28	12	48	12	37	2
10/29/12 RV	50	28	11	48	11	36	2
10/28/12 RV	51	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/27/12 RV	50	28	11	46	11	36	3
10/26/12 RV	51	29	10	46	10	36	3
10/25/12 RV	50	29	9	47	9	37	3
10/24/12 RV	50	29	10	48	10	38	3
10/23/12 RV	50	29	21	47	9	37	3
10/22/12 RV	50	30	20	47	10	38	3
10/21/12 RV	51	31	20	47	10	37	2
10/13/12	50	30	21	44	10	34	6
9/29/12	50	26	24	46	12	34	4
9/9/12	49	29	20	45	11	35	6
8/25/12	50	27	23	46	13	33	4
7/8/12	47	24	24	49	15	34	4
5/20/12	47	26	21	49	13	36	3
4/8/12	50	30	20	45	10	35	6
3/10/12	46	28	18	50	11	39	4
2/4/12	50	29	22	46	11	36	3
1/15/12	48	25	23	48	11	37	4
12/18/11	49	25	24	47	13	34	4
11/3/11	44	22	22	53	15	37	3
10/2/11	42	21	21	54	14	40	4
9/1/11	43	21	22	53	16	38	3
8/9/11*	44	18	26	46	9	37	10
7/17/11	47	25	22	48	14	35	5
6/5/11	47	27	20	49	13	37	4
5/2/11**	56	29	27	38	14	24	6
4/17/11	47	27	21	50	12	37	3
3/13/11	51	27	24	45	12	33	4
1/16/11	54	30	23	43	15	28	3
12/12/10	49	24	25	47	15	32	4
10/28/10	50	27	23	45	11	34	5
10/3/10	50	26	24	47	13	34	3

9/2/10	46	24	22	52	14	38	3
7/11/10	50	28	22	47	12	35	3
6/6/10	52	30	22	45	12	33	4
4/25/10	54	31	23	44	11	33	3
3/26/10	53	34	20	43	8	35	3
2/8/10	51	29	22	46	12	33	3
1/15/10	53	30	24	44	13	32	2
12/13/09	50	31	18	46	13	33	4
11/15/09	56	32	23	42	13	29	2
10/18/09	57	33	23	40	11	29	3
9/12/09	54	35	19	43	12	31	3
8/17/09	57	35	21	40	11	29	3
7/18/09	59	38	22	37	9	28	4
6/21/09	65	36	29	31	10	22	4
4/24/09	69	42	27	26	8	18	4
3/29/09	66	40	26	29	9	20	5
2/22/09	68	43	25	25	8	17	7

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2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Obama is handling [ITEM]? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

10/20/13 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Stringly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Stringly	op.
a. The economy	44	23	20	54	12	42	2
b. Implementation of the new health care law	41	25	15	53	10	43	6

Trend:

a. The economy

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	44	23	20	54	12	42	2
9/15/13	45	25	20	51	14	37	4
7/21/13	45	22	22	49	14	35	6
5/19/13	48	26	22	48	10	37	4
4/14/13	44	22	22	53	12	41	3
3/10/13	44	24	20	52	10	42	4
1/13/13	50	24	25	47	10	37	3
12/16/12	50	27	23	48	10	38	3
10/13/12 RV	47	26	21	51	10	41	2
9/29/12 RV	47	23	25	52	10	41	1
9/9/12 RV	45	24	21	53	8	45	2
8/25/12	44	20	23	54	12	42	3
7/8/12	44	21	23	54	13	41	2
5/20/12	42	20	22	55	11	44	2
4/8/12	44	23	21	54	12	42	2
3/10/12	38	20	18	59	9	50	2
2/4/12	44	23	22	53	11	41	3
1/15/12	41	19	22	57	11	46	2
12/18/11	41	17	24	56	13	43	2
11/3/11	38	18	20	61	13	48	2
10/2/11	35	17	19	61	13	48	4
9/1/11	36	15	21	62	15	47	2
7/17/11	39	18	22	57	15	43	3
6/5/11	40	20	20	59	10	49	2
5/2/11*	40	18	22	55	16	39	4

4/17/11	42	23	19	57	11	46	2
3/13/11	43	22	21	55	13	41	2
1/16/11	46	22	24	51	13	38	2
12/12/10	43	21	22	54	15	39	3
10/28/10 RV	44	21	23	54	15	39	3
10/3/10	45	22	23	53	13	41	2
9/2/10	41	20	21	57	13	44	2
7/11/10	43	20	23	54	13	41	4
6/6/10	50	26	24	49	12	37	2
4/25/10	49	24	25	49	10	39	2
3/26/10	45	23	22	52	12	40	3
2/8/10	45	22	23	53	15	38	2
1/15/10	47	22	24	52	13	39	1
12/13/09	46	23	24	52	12	40	2
11/15/09	51	26	25	47	12	36	2
10/18/09	50	29	22	48	13	35	1
9/12/09	51	28	24	46	13	33	2
8/17/09	52	27	25	46	13	33	2
7/18/09	52	29	23	46	10	35	3
6/21/09	56	28	28	41	13	27	3
4/24/09	58	31	28	38	13	25	4
3/29/09	60	34	25	38	12	26	3
2/22/09	60	NA	NA	34	NA	NA	6

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b. The implementation of the new health care law

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	41	25	15	53	10	43	6
9/15/13	34	20	14	55	12	43	11

3. Do you think things in this country (are generally going in the right direction) or do you feel things (have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track)?

	Right direction	Wrong track	No opinion
10/20/13	28	68	4
7/21/13	36	60	4
5/19/13	39	57	4
1/13/13	39	57	5
10/31/12 LV	43	55	2
10/13/12 RV	42	56	3
9/29/12 RV	38	60	2
8/25/12 RV	29	69	2
7/8/12	33	63	4
4/8/12	33	64	3
1/15/12	30	68	2
11/3/11	22	74	3
9/1/11	20	77	3
6/5/11	32	66	2
1/16/11	38	60	3
12/12/10	31	67	2
10/28/10 RV	27	71	2
6/6/10	37	60	3
3/26/10	38	60	2
1/15/10	37	62	1
11/15/09	44	55	2
10/18/09	44	54	2
8/17/09	44	55	1
6/21/09	47	50	3
4/24/09	50	48	2

3/29/09	42	57	1
2/22/09	31	67	2
1/16/09	19	78	3
12/14/08	15	82	3
10/25/08 LV	13	85	2
10/11/08 RV	8	90	2
9/22/08 RV	14	83	3
8/22/08	19	78	2
6/15/08	14	84	2
5/11/08	16	82	2
1/12/08	21	77	2
11/1/07	24	74	2
6/1/07	25	73	2
1/19/07	26	71	3
11/4/06 RV	39	59	2
10/22/06	30	68	2
10/8/06	32	66	2
5/15/06	29	69	2
11/2/05	30	68	2
10/24/04 LV	41	55	4
4/18/04	42	57	1
4/30/03	52	46	2
9/26/02	43	53	4
2/21/02	54	42	4
2/14/99	55	41	4
11/1/98	55	43	2
9/13/98*	51	45	3
8/21/98	57	40	4
7/12/98	50	45	6
4/4/98	55	41	4
1/31/98	61	34	5
1/30/98	61	34	5
1/19/98	44	50	6
8/27/97	39	57	4
6/8/97	37	60	3
3/9/97	34	62	4
10/17/96 RV	40	55	5
10/16/96 RV	42	53	5
10/15/96 RV	43	52	5
10/14/96 RV	44	51	5
10/13/96 RV	44	51	5
9/04/96 RV	40	54	6
8/21/96	28	67	5
6/30/96	26	70	5
3/17/96	27	70	3
1/21/96	27	66	6
1/3/96	21	77	3
4/5/95	23	73	3
1/4/95	27	68	6
10/31/94	27	69	4
7/20/94	26	70	4
3/27/94	28	69	3
1/23/94	31	60	10
11/14/93	25	69	6
8/8/93	26	71	3
6/20/93	26	71	3
4/26/93	27	71	2
3/11/93	36	57	7
2/28/93	37	59	4
1/17/93	31	63	6
12/14/92	35	60	5
10/27/92 RV	22	76	2
10/4/92 RV	18	78	4

6/7/92	14	83	3
4/9/92	16	81	3
3/11/92	18	79	4
1/15/92	19	78	3
11/10/91	24	72	4
10/29/91	26	71	3
8/27/91	31	60	9
7/28/91	30	67	3
6/2/91	39	57	4
4/9/91	42	51	7
2/26/91	58	39	3
1/27/91	49	48	4
10/14/90	19	79	2
9/9/90	36	60	4
8/20/90	35	60	5
7/24/90	37	60	2
5/21/90	39	60	2
3/26/90	44	53	2
2/4/90	49	48	3
1/16/90	48	49	3
5/23/89	42	55	3
3/16/89	46	52	2
1/16/89 LV	51	46	3
10/25/88 LV	49	46	6
9/27/88	48	44	8
7/11/88	40	56	4
5/25/88	35	59	6
3/21/88	40	56	4
1/23/88	39	59	2
12/13/87	49	47	4
12/2/87	35	61	4
9/23/87	43	54	4
6/29/87	35	62	3
4/13/87	37	60	3
3/9/87	38	58	4
1/18/87	39	56	5
9/8/86	50	48	2
1/26/86	45	47	8
7/29/85	52	43	6
1/16/85	59	36	4
5/22/84	47	48	5
12/13/83	43	51	6
11/7/83	51	44	5
4/12/83	41	54	4
3/2/83	43	53	3
10/11/82	35	57	8
1/30/82	39	56	5
2/80**	20	70	10
2/78	34	53	13
2/77	41	44	14
10/75	19	71	9
10/74	15	75	11
10/73	16	74	10

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**2/80 and previous: Roper

4. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	12	4	8	85	15	70	3

7/21/13	21	5	16	73	20	53	7
3/10/13	16	3	12	80	22	58	4
1/13/13	19	4	15	76	21	55	4
1/15/12	13	3	11	84	19	65	3
10/2/11	14	3	11	82	20	62	4
3/13/11	27	7	20	69	24	45	4
1/16/11	28	6	21	66	24	43	7
10/28/10 RV	23	6	17	74	21	53	3
10/3/10	24	6	18	73	22	51	3
9/2/10	25	5	20	72	21	51	4
6/6/10	26	7	20	71	20	51	2
3/26/10	24	7	18	72	18	54	4
2/8/10	26	NA	NA	71	NA	NA	3
7/13/08	23			71			6
2/1/08	33			59			8
12/9/07	32			60			8
11/1/07	28			65			7
9/30/07	29			65			6
7/21/07	37			60			4
6/1/07	39	"	"	53	"	"	8
4/15/07	44	8	36	54	25	29	3
2/25/07	41	NA	NA	54	NA	NA	5
1/19/07	43			50			8
12/11/06	37	"	"	57	"	"	6
11/4/06 RV	36	7	29	60	25	35	4
10/22/06	31	5	25	65	27	38	4
10/8/06	32	5	27	66	29	37	2
9/7/06	40	NA	NA	55	NA	NA	5
8/6/06	36			60			4
5/15/06	33			63			4
4/9/06	35			62			3
3/5/06	36			62			3
1/26/06	43			53			4
1/8/06	41			55			5
12/18/05	43			53			4
11/2/05	37			59			4
8/28/05	37			59			4
6/5/05	41			54			4
10/29/03	40			52			9
4/30/03	57			37			6
9/26/02	51			43			6
7/15/02	57			36			7
2/21/02	57			39			4
1/27/02	58			35			7
12/19/01	59			34			7
9/9/01	45			48			7
7/30/01	48			48			4
4/22/01	58			33			8
10/31/99	42			53			6
9/2/99	46			47			7
6/6/99	48			46			6
3/14/99	44			49			7
2/14/99	46			50			4
12/20/98	44			51			5
12/19/98	45			50			5
12/13/98	49			46			5
11/7/98	41			55			4
11/1/98	49			47			5
10/25/98	45			44			11
10/18/98	46			45			8
9/28/98	52			44			4
9/13/98*	56			38			6
8/21/98	55			39			6

7/12/98	46		44		11
5/12/98	45		45		9
4/4/98	47		45		8
1/31/98	55		35		10
1/30/98	55		35		10
1/25/98	56		37		8
1/24/98	55		38		7
1/19/98	47		49		5
10/13/97	36		57		7
8/27/97	39		54		7
7/8/97	40		53		6
4/24/97	40		53		7
3/9/97	35		60		5
1/15/97	38		56		6
8/5/96	42		52		7
6/30/96	35		58		7
5/22/96	35		60		5
3/10/96	30		64		6
1/7/96	31		65		5
11/19/95	27		68		5
10/1/95	32		65		3
7/17/95	34		63		3
4/5/95	37		57		6
3/19/95	39		56		5
1/29/95	42		52		6
10/31/94	21		72		8
10/23/94	18		78		4
9/11/94	24		70		5
6/26/94	34		61		5
3/27/94	35		62		3
2/27/94	32		64		4
1/23/94	29		60		11
11/14/93	28		66		6
8/8/93	33		64		3
4/26/93	30		69		2
1/17/93	29		66		6
6/7/92	16		77		6
4/9/92	17		78		5
3/18/92	19		76		5
3/8/92	22		73		6
2/2/92	32		64		4
12/15/91	35		59		6
10/21/91	45		50		5
6/2/91	49		46		5
10/14/90	34		63		3
2/4/90	41		55		4
1/16/90	39		55		6
8/21/89	42		53		5
5/23/89	54		44		2
2/14/89	53		44		3
1/23/88**	43		53		4
6/1/87	56		40		4
6/22/85	54		37		9
5/83	33		43		24
6/81	38		40		22
6/79	19		61		20
9/78	29		49		22
6/77	34		42		24
6/75	29		54		17
8/74	48	"	35	"	17

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**1/23/88 and previous: Gallup

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way your own representative to the U.S. House of Representatives in Congress is handling his or her job? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/20/13	43	15	28	47	19	28	10
10/28/10 RV	53	19	34	40	18	21	7
10/3/10	51	18	33	40	19	21	9
6/6/10	49	17	32	44	18	25	7
4/15/07*	69	NA	NA	25	NA	NA	6
11/4/06 RV	56			35			8
10/22/06	59			33			8
10/8/06	60			33			6
9/7/06	60			30			9
8/6/06	55			37			7
5/15/06	62			31			7
4/9/06	59			34			6
1/26/06	64			30			6
12/18/05	65			29			6
11/2/05	60			33			7
6/5/05	61			32			8
9/26/02	64			27			9
7/15/02	68			23			9
11/1/98	72			20			8
10/18/98	68			20			11
9/28/98	70			21			10
7/12/98	70			18			12
1/19/98	74			19			7
4/5/95	65			25			9
10/31/94	51			38			11
10/23/94	49			43			8
9/11/94	53			35			12
6/26/94	59			31			10
3/27/94	62			26			12
1/17/93	60			29			11
4/9/92	47			39			13
3/18/92	49			40			11
2/2/92	56			32			12
12/15/91	60			28			12
10/21/91	64			27			9
6/2/91	61			26			14
10/14/90	64			29			7
5/23/89	71	"	"	18	"	"	11

*4/15/07 and previous: No "strongly" or "somewhat" follow-up.

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way [ITEM] is/are handling negotiations over the federal budget? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

10/20/13 - Summary Table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No op.
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
a. Obama	43	26	17	54	12	42	3
b. The Republicans in Congress	21	7	14	77	19	59	2
c. The Democrats in Congress	36	15	21	61	18	43	3
d. Republicans in Congress who are affiliated with the Tea Party political movement	23	9	14	67	18	49	10

Trend:

a. Obama

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	43	26	17	54	12	42	3
10/13/13	42	25	17	53	14	39	5
10/6/13	45	24	21	51	12	39	4
9/29/13	41	21	19	50	15	35	10

b. The Republicans in Congress

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	21	7	14	77	19	59	2
10/13/13	21	10	11	74	20	54	5
10/6/13	24	11	14	70	19	51	5
9/29/13	26	9	17	63	21	42	11

c. The Democrats in Congress

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	36	15	21	61	18	43	3
10/13/13	33	17	16	61	17	44	6
10/6/13	35	15	21	61	16	45	4
9/29/13	34	14	19	56	20	36	11

d. No trend.

7. Overall, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of (ITEM)? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

10/20/13 - Summary Table

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strongly	op.
a. Barack Obama	50	31	19	48	11	37	2
b. The Republican Party	32	10	22	63	25	38	6
c. The Democratic Party	46	19	27	49	18	31	5
d. The political movement known as the Tea Party	26	9	17	59	17	42	16

Trend:

a. Barack Obama

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	50	31	19	48	11	37	2
6/23/13	53	31	22	44	11	33	3
3/24/13	57	34	23	41	11	30	2
1/27/13	60	39	21	37	11	26	3
11/2/12 LV	54	38	16	45	11	34	1
10/21/12 LV	52	37	15	46	10	36	2
10/7/12	56	32	24	42	11	31	2
9/9/12	54	34	21	42	13	29	4
9/2/12	51	29	22	45	14	31	4
8/26/12	50	27	24	44	14	29	6
8/5/12	53	29	24	43	12	31	4
5/27/12	52	29	23	45	14	31	3
4/15/12	56	30	26	40	14	26	5

3/25/12	53	31	23	43	15	28	3
2/26/12	51	26	25	45	13	32	3
1/22/12	53	27	25	43	14	29	4
12/11/11	48	23	25	49	16	33	3
9/18/11	47	22	25	46	15	31	7
4/17/11	52	33	20	45	13	32	2
4/25/10	57	37	21	41	12	29	2
1/15/10	58	38	20	40	13	27	2
11/15/09	61	39	21	38	11	27	1
9/12/09	63	40	23	35	12	24	2
4/24/09	72	46	26	26	11	15	2
1/16/09	79	50	29	18	9	9	3
11/2/08 LV	63	47	16	33	7	26	4
10/23/08 LV	63	47	16	34	7	27	3
10/11/08 RV	64	44	20	33	12	21	3
9/7/08 RV	58	35	23	36	12	24	7
8/22/08 RV	62	37	25	34	13	21	4
6/15/08	63	35	28	33	12	21	4
4/13/08	56	28	28	39	14	25	5
1/10/08	63	31	32	30	14	16	7
11/1/07	51	21	30	36	16	20	13
2/25/07	53	21	33	30	16	14	16
1/19/07	45	NA	NA	29	NA	NA	25
12/11/06	44	21	22	23	17	6	33

b. The Republican Party

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	32	10	22	63	25	38	6
9/30/12	39	18	21	53	19	33	8
10/30/11	40	13	27	53	21	32	7
3/26/10	40	17	23	55	24	30	5
2/8/10	44	19	25	52	23	29	4
6/21/09	36	NA	NA	56	NA	NA	8
8/22/08 RV	47			49			4
11/1/07	39			56			5
3/5/06	51			46			3
6/5/05	49			49			2
12/15/02	56			38			5
1/27/02	63			30			7
7/30/01	51			46			3
12/15/00	54			35			11
1/16/00	53			37			10
1/10/00*	53			41			6
1/10/00 LV	56			39			5
11/21/99	50			44			6
5/2/99	47			44			9
2/21/99	45			46			9
2/13/99	40			54			5
2/8/99	45			47			8
1/10/99	40			52			8
12/20/98	31			57			12
12/16/98	43			47			10
10/29/97	50			42			8
9/1/96 RV	50			45			5
8/18/96 RV	55			41			4
8/7/96 RV	51			44			5
4/10/96	52			41			7
4/19/95	52			42			6
7/8/92 RV	53			39			8
6/6/91**	62			28			10
4/2/90	58			34			8

1/15/90	63			28			9
11/16/88	57			34			9
11/4/84	58			33			9
10/4/84	53	"	"	36	"	"	11

*1/10/00 to 7/8/92: Gallup

**6/6/91 and previous: CBS News/New York Times

c. The Democratic Party

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	46	19	27	49	18	31	5
9/30/12	49	28	22	42	14	28	9
10/30/11	48	21	26	46	21	25	7
3/26/10	50	25	24	45	14	31	5
2/8/10	50	24	26	46	17	28	4
6/21/09	53	NA	NA	40	NA	NA	6
8/22/08 RV	58			36			5
11/1/07	51			45			5
3/5/06	55			41			4
6/5/05	51			47			2
12/15/02	56			37			6
1/27/02	56			36			8
7/30/01	60			36			4
12/15/00	64			25			11
1/16/00	56			35			9
1/10/00*	61			33			6
1/10/00 LV	58			37			5
11/21/99	51			41			8
5/2/99	53			37			10
2/21/99	55			37			8
2/13/99	56			38			6
2/8/99	57			37			6
1/10/99	57			35			8
12/20/98	57			30			13
12/16/98	58			32			10
10/29/97	54			39			7
9/1/96 RV	60			36			4
8/18/96 RV	55			41			4
8/7/96 RV	57			38			5
4/10/96	55			38			7
4/19/95	51			43			6
7/8/92 RV	54			38			8
6/6/91**	52			34			14
4/2/90	54			35			11
1/15/90	58			32			10
11/16/88	54			36			10
11/4/84	47			42			11
10/4/84 RV	50	"	"	39	"	"	11

*1/10/00 to 7/8/92: Gallup

**6/6/91 and previous: CBS News/New York Times

d. The political movement known as the Tea Party

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	26	9	17	59	17	42	16
9/30/12	32	12	20	46	15	30	23
3/13/11	36	18	18	48	18	30	16
1/16/11	35	16	19	52	21	31	13
9/2/10	38	18	19	45	24	21	18
6/6/10	36	17	19	50	25	24	14
3/26/10	41	21	21	39	16	23	20

2/8/10 35 20 15 40 20 20 25

8. How satisfied are you with the way this country's political system is working - would you say very satisfied, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

	---- Satisfied ----			--- Dissatisfied --			No
	NET	Very	Mostly	NET	Mostly	Very	opinion
10/20/13	23	2	21	75	35	40	1
8/5/12	32	6	26	67	29	38	2
10/2/11*	20	2	18	79	38	41	1
8/9/11	21	2	19	78	33	45	1
11/23/09	38	4	34	61	30	31	1
6/3/07	34	5	29	64	34	30	1

*Washington Post/ABC News, all others Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation

9. I am going to mention four phrases and ask you which one best describes how you feel about the way the federal government works. Do you feel enthusiastic, satisfied but not enthusiastic, dissatisfied but not angry, or angry?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----				
	NET	Enthusi- astic	Satis- fied	NET	Dissat- isfied	Angry	None/ Other	No opinion
10/20/13	21	2	19	78	47	32	NA	*
9/29/12 RV	28	4	25	71	44	27	NA	1
2/4/12	24	2	22	75	49	26		*
11/3/11	20	2	18	80	49	31		*
7/17/11	20	2	18	80	54	25		1
6/5/11	30	3	27	69	44	25		1
10/28/10	27	4	23	72	51	21		1
10/3/10	29	4	25	71	46	25		*
9/2/10	22	2	20	78	52	25		*
7/11/10	36	4	32	64	43	21		1
6/6/10	30	2	28	69	45	25		1
4/25/10	30	4	26	69	51	18		1
2/8/10	32	3	29	67	48	19		*
10/29/03	42	2	41	57	42	15		*
11/4/02 LV	49	4	45	50	41	9		1
11/3/02 LV	50	5	45	49	40	9		1
11/2/02 LV	51	6	45	49	40	9		1
10/27/02	50	4	47	49	42	7		1
2/21/02	56	7	49	43	36	7		1
12/15/00	59	4	55	39	34	6		1
2/14/99	52	3	48	47	35	12		1
9/28/98	50	4	46	49	36	12		1
8/16/98*	41	2	39	57	46	11	"	1
1/19/98	46	2	43	53	45	8	1	*
8/27/97	34	2	33	64	52	11	2	1
3/17/96	29	2	27	70	54	16	NA	*
5/14/95	48	3	45	50	41	9	"	1
1/4/95	29	2	27	69	53	16	*	1
11/6/94 RV	28	2	26	70	49	21	1	1
10/31/94	26	1	25	73	55	18	1	1
10/23/94	28	1	26	71	52	20	*	*
10/9/94	25	2	24	72	53	19	2	*
9/11/94	26	2	25	73	53	20	NA	*
3/27/94	30	1	29	68	48	20	1	1
2/28/93	33	4	29	66	50	16	*	*
10/4/92 RV	17	1	16	81	56	25	1	1
7/8/92	23	1	22	76	53	23	*	1
6/7/92	21	1	20	79	58	21	*	1

4/9/92	21	1	20	79	55	24	1	*
3/18/92	22	1	21	77	54	23	1	*
3/11/92	18	1	17	80	60	20	1	1

*After 8/16/98: No "None/other" option recorded.

10. Generally, do you think [ITEM] is/are more interested in doing what's best for the country or what's best for himself/themselves politically?

10/20/13 - Summary Table

	Best for the country	Best for himself/ themselves	No opinion
a. Obama	52	46	2
b. The Republicans in Congress	20	77	3
c. The Democrats in Congress	34	63	3

Trend:

a. Obama

	Best for the country	Best for himself	No opinion
10/20/13	52	46	2

Compare to: Bill Clinton

9/11/94	54	41	4
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b. The Republicans in Congress

	Best for the country	Best for themselves	No opinion
10/20/13	20	77	3
9/11/94	20	77	3

c. The Democrats in Congress

	Best for the country	Best for themselves	No opinion
10/20/13	34	63	3
9/11/94	26	71	3

11. Do you approve or disapprove of the partial shutdown of the U.S. government this month? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/20/13	17	9	9	81	10	71	2

12. Who do you think was mainly responsible for the partial shutdown of the federal government - (Obama) or the (Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	29	53	15	1	2

Compare to: As you may know, the federal government might have to partially shut down later this month if (the Obama administration) and (the Republicans in Congress) cannot agree on a plan to keep it running while they work on a new budget. Who do you think is mainly responsible for this situation - (the Obama administration) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
3/13/11	31	45	17	2	4

Compare to: If the federal government shuts down because (Republicans) and (the Obama administration) can't agree on a budget, who do you think would be more to blame:

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
2/27/11	35	36	17	1	10

Compare to: As you may know, the Clinton administration and the Republicans have agreed to temporarily reopen the government offices that were closed for nearly three weeks while they worked on a new budget. Whose fault do you think this partial government shutdown mainly was -- Clinton's or the Republicans' in Congress?

	Clinton	GOP	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/7/96*	27	50	20	1	2
1/3/96**	25	44	24	3	3
11/19/95	24	51	20	1	4
11/13/95***	27	46	20	2	5

*Reworded and phrased in past tense

**"many" changed to "some"

***Phrased in future tense

13. Were you personally inconvenienced by the partial shutdown of the federal government or not? (IF INCONVENIENCED) Was it a major inconvenience or a minor inconvenience?

	----- Yes -----					
	NET	Major	Minor	No op.	No	No opinion
10/20/13	22	11	11	0	78	*
1/7/96*	12	4	8	NA	88	*
1/3/96	12	5	6		88	1
11/19/95	12	6	6	"	88	*

*Phrased in past tense

14. Do you think the partial shutdown is an isolated incident, or a sign of broader problems in the political process in Washington? (IF BROADER PROBLEMS) Would you call these problems a crisis, serious but not a crisis, not so serious or not serious at all?

	----- Broader problems -----						
	NET	Crisis	Serious but not a crisis	Not so serious	Not serious at all	Isolated incident	No opinion
10/20/13	87	42	42	3	1	9	3

15. Do you think the budget dispute in Washington has or has not damaged [ITEM]? (IF YES) Is this serious damage, or damage, but not serious?

10/20/13 - Summary Table

	----- Yes -----				
	NET	Serious damage	Damage but not serious	No	No opinion
a. The United States' image in the world	86	56	30	11	2
b. The morale of federal government employees	82	49	33	13	5
d. The U.S. economy	80	48	32	17	3

16. Congress has agreed to end the government shutdown and raise the nation's debt limit through early next year. This agreement drops Republican efforts to change the federal health care law and sets up a commission to negotiate budget issues. Overall, do you support or oppose this agreement? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	51	16	34	41	14	27	8

17. When the current agreement runs out early next year, how confident are you that (Obama) and (the Republicans in Congress) will avoid another budget crisis over the debt limit - very confident, somewhat confident, not so confident or not confident at all?

	----- Confident -----			----- Not confident -----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
10/20/13	27	4	23	72	31	41	1

18. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
10/20/13	24	2	23	75	45	30	1
9/29/12 RV	18	2	16	81	42	39	*
8/25/12	15	1	14	84	39	45	1
8/5/12*	13	1	12	87	42	44	*
5/20/12	17	1	16	83	47	36	*
2/4/12	11	*	11	89	46	42	*
11/3/11	10	1	9	89	43	47	*
7/17/11	10	1	9	90	40	50	*
6/5/11	11	1	10	89	46	44	*
1/16/11	13	1	12	87	45	41	*
10/28/10	9	*	9	90	41	49	1
10/3/10	9	1	8	90	40	50	*
9/2/10	8	*	7	92	40	53	0
7/11/10	10	1	9	90	44	46	0
6/6/10	12	*	11	88	43	45	0
1/16/09	5	1	5	94	32	62	*
9/22/08	9	*	9	91	34	57	*
4/13/08	10	1	9	90	39	51	*
2/1/08	19	1	18	81	43	38	0
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*
12/18/05	45	5	39	55	38	17	*
11/2/05	35	3	32	65	36	29	*
9/11/05	40	3	37	59	37	22	1
6/5/05	44	3	40	56	38	19	*
4/24/05	37	2	35	63	44	20	*
9/26/04 RV	46	3	43	53	38	15	1
8/29/04 RV	45	3	41	55	37	18	*
7/25/04	46	4	42	53	39	14	*
6/20/04	45	4	41	55	38	17	*
4/18/04	43	4	39	57	39	18	*
3/7/04	39	2	37	60	38	22	1

1/18/04	42	3	39	58	42	16	0
12/21/03	42	4	39	57	41	16	1
10/29/03	33	1	32	67	45	23	*
9/13/03	30	2	27	70	45	25	*
8/11/03	32	2	30	68	43	25	*
4/30/03	35	1	34	64	46	19	*
2/9/03	28	1	27	72	49	23	*
1/20/03	25	1	25	74	48	26	1
12/15/02	35	1	33	65	44	21	1
11/4/02 LV	28	1	27	72	55	17	1
11/3/02 LV	27	1	26	72	56	17	1
11/2/02 LV	29	1	28	71	54	17	*
9/26/02	31	2	28	69	50	19	*
7/15/02	39	3	36	61	44	17	1
2/21/02	30	1	29	69	51	18	*
1/27/02	31	1	29	69	50	19	*
9/20/01	38	3	35	60	47	14	2
9/9/01	33	1	32	66	47	19	*
7/30/01	50	3	46	50	39	12	*
4/22/01	50	3	47	50	40	9	*
1/15/01	70	10	59	29	24	6	1
10/27/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
10/26/00 LV	86	24	61	14	11	3	*
6/11/00	74	17	57	26	19	6	*
2/27/00	80	25	55	20	14	5	*
10/31/99	74	18	56	26	18	7	1
9/2/99	76	19	57	23	16	6	1
3/14/99	80	22	58	19	15	4	1
11/1/98	73	12	61	26	21	5	1
11/1/98 LV	78	13	65	22	19	3	*
10/13/97	61	12	49	39	27	11	*

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19. When it comes to finding the right balance between [cutting government spending that is not needed] and [continuing government spending that is needed], who do you trust to do a better job - (Obama) or (the Republicans in Congress)?

	Obama	Reps	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	47	36	2	12	3
3/10/13	43	44	1	9	3
10/2/11	44	39	1	14	2
6/5/11	41	44	2	11	2
4/17/11	45	44	2	7	2
3/13/11	43	42	2	10	3

20. Do you think an agreement between Obama and Republicans in Congress to reduce the federal budget deficit should include only spending cuts, or a combination of spending cuts and tax increases? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	-- Only spending cuts --			----- Combination -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	37	29	7	59	23	35	5

Compare to: Overall, what do you think is the best way to reduce the federal budget deficit - (by cutting federal spending), (by increasing taxes), or by a combination of both?

	Cutting federal spending	Increasing taxes	Combination of both	No opinion
12/16/12	29	4	65	2
7/17/11	32	4	62	3

6/5/11	37	4	57	2
4/17/11	36	3	59	2
3/13/11	31	3	64	3
12/12/10	36	2	60	1

21. Some Republicans in Congress say reducing the federal deficit needs to be a part of an agreement to increase the debt ceiling in the future. Obama has said that increasing the debt ceiling should not be used as a tool in budget negotiations. Whose position do you agree with more, Obama's or that of some of the Republicans' in Congress?

	Obama	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	54	40	1	4	2

Compare to: Some Republicans in Congress say they've wanted to keep the government partially shut down to pressure Clinton into agreeing to balance the budget in seven years. Clinton has said partially shutting the government should not be used as a tool in budget negotiations. Whose position do you agree with more, Clinton's or that of some of the Republicans in Congress?

	Clinton	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
1/7/96	72	24	1	2	1

On another subject...

22. Overall, do you support or oppose the federal law making changes to the health care system? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
10/20/13	46	25	21	49	13	36	5
9/15/13	42	26	16	52	13	39	6
7/21/13	42	25	17	49	10	39	9
7/08/12	47	27	20	47	14	33	6
4/8/12	39	23	17	53	13	40	8
3/10/12	41	24	17	52	11	41	7

Compare to: Overall, given what you know about them, would you say you support or oppose the changes to the health care system that have been enacted by (Congress) and (the Obama administration)?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
1/16/11	45	25	20	50	14	36	5
12/12/10	43	22	21	52	14	37	6
10/3/10	47	26	21	48	13	35	5
3/26/10	46	32	13	50	10	40	4
2/8/10*	46	22	25	49	11	38	5
1/15/10	44	22	22	51	12	39	5
12/13/09	44	25	19	51	11	40	5
11/15/09	48	30	18	49	10	39	3
10/18/09	45	26	19	48	12	36	7
9/12/09	46	30	16	48	12	36	6
8/17/09	45	27	18	50	10	40	5

*2/8/10 and prior: "proposed changes...that are being developed by"

23. (IF OPPOSE HEALTH CARE CHANGES) Overall, do you think the new health care law (goes too far) or (does not go far enough) in changing the health care system?

	Too far	Not far enough	No opinion
10/20/13	74	20	6
1/16/11	71	25	3

22/23 NET:

	Support	NET	Too far	Not far enough	Don't know	No opinion
10/20/13	46	49	36	10	3	5
1/16/11	45	50	35	13	2	5

24. (ASKED IF DO NOT SUPPORT HEALTH CARE LAW) Which of these is your preference: (Repeal the health care law), or (let the health care law go ahead and see how it works)?

	Repeal the health care law	Let it go ahead	Repeal parts of law (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	60	37	1	3

22/24 NET:

	Support	NET	Repeal the health care law	Let it go ahead	Repeal parts of law (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	46	54	33	20	*	1

25. As you may have heard there have been problems with the website set up under the health care law for uninsured people to sign up for health insurance. Do you think this is (an isolated incident) or do you think it's (a sign of broader problems in implementing the health care law)?

	Isolated incident	Sign of broader problems	No opinion
10/20/13	40	56	4

Changing topics...

26. Thinking about the next election in November 2014, right now, are you inclined to vote to re-elect your representative in Congress, or are you inclined to look around for someone else to vote for?

	Re-elect	Look around	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	24	66	4	6
2/4/12	34	53	3	9
11/3/11	31	59	3	8
8/9/11*	17	69	6	7
7/17/11	30	63	2	5
6/5/11	34	55	4	6
10/28/10	32	50	7	11
10/3/10	29	55	9	7
9/2/10	31	58	5	6
7/11/10	25	60	6	8
6/6/10	29	60	5	6
4/25/10 RV	32	57	7	4
2/8/10	36	56	4	4
11/15/09	38	50	6	5
5/15/06	35	55	6	4
6/5/05	40	50	8	3
2/21/02	40	48	7	6
10/31/99	41	47	8	3
9/28/99	44	46	NA	10

7/12/98	42	44	5	10
1/19/98	47	41	7	4
8/27/97	34	52	9	5
11/6/94 RV	37	47	7	8
10/31/94	35	56	2	7
10/23/94	32	58	4	6
9/11/94	36	53	4	7
6/26/94	35	54	6	5
3/27/94	32	56	6	7
1/23/94	32	46	10	12
11/14/93	38	52	5	5
8/21/92 RV	35	48	5	12
7/8/92	34	54	3	9
6/7/92	36	53	4	7
4/9/92	33	56	3	8
3/18/92	35	56	3	5
3/11/92	36	54	3	7
2/2/92	38	51	4	7
10/21/91	31	55	7	6
6/2/91	37	49	5	9
11/4/90 LV	41	50	NA	8
10/14/90	36	57	"	7
5/21/90	43	50	3	3
5/23/89	45	44	4	6

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27. If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, would you vote for (the Democratic candidate) or (the Republican candidate) in your congressional district? (IF OTHER, NEITHER, DK, REF) Would you lean toward the (Democratic candidate) or toward the (Republican candidate)?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE

	Dem cand.	Rep cand.	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13 All	49	38	1	5	1	6
10/20/13 RV	48	40	1	5	1	4
5/19/13***	48	40	2	4	1	6
10/28/10	49	44	1	2	*	3
10/3/10	47	43	1	3	1	5
9/2/10**	45	47	1	2	1	5
7/11/10	46	47	*	2	*	5
6/6/10	47	44	2	2	1	4
4/25/10	48	43	1	2	1	6
3/26/10	48	44	1	2	*	4
2/8/10	45	48	*	3	*	4
10/22/06	54	41	*	1	*	3
10/8/06	54	41	*	1	1	3
9/7/06	50	42	*	3	2	4
8/6/06	52	39	*	2	1	5
6/25/06	52	39	1	3	1	4
5/15/06	52	40	1	3	1	4
4/9/06	55	40	*	2	*	3
1/26/06	54	38	1	3	1	5
12/18/05	51	41	1	3	1	4
11/2/05	52	37	1	4	2	6
7/15/02	47	46	1	1	1	4
1/27/02*	43	50	NA	2	1	5
9/6/00	49	42		2	1	6
7/23/00	46	45		3	1	5
2/27/00	45	46		2	1	5
10/31/99	50	43		3	1	3

9/2/99	48	44	3	*	5
3/14/99	50	41	2	1	6
2/14/99	48	41	3	1	7
1/30/99	49	39	8	1	3
11/1/98	51	43	4	*	2
10/25/98	48	43	3	1	4
10/18/98	49	44	3	1	4
9/28/98	49	44	2	*	4
9/13/98	49	43	3	1	4
8/21/98	48	45	3	1	3
7/12/98	47	45	2	*	6
1/31/98	49	40	2	1	8
1/19/98	47	44	3	1	5
10/8/96	51	41	2	1	5
9/29/96	48	41	3	1	7
9/22/96	50	43	2	1	4
9/15/96	49	45	1	1	4
9/4/96	48	44	3	*	5
8/29/96	53	39	3	1	5
8/28/96	51	40	3	1	5
8/27/96	51	41	3	0	5
8/26/96	51	41	3	0	5
8/25/96	48	43	3	1	6
8/24/96	47	43	2	1	6
8/19/96	49	42	3	0	6
8/18/96	45	46	3	0	6
8/15/96	46	43	4	1	5
8/14/96	48	42	3	1	6
8/13/96	49	43	3	0	5
8/12/96	49	42	3	1	5
8/11/96	49	40	4	1	6
8/10/96	49	41	4	1	5
8/5/96	48	45	2	1	4
6/30/96	49	44	3	*	3
5/22/96	52	41	3	1	3
3/17/96	48	48	2	*	2
3/10/96	51	43	2	*	4
1/21/96	52	43	3	1	1
11/13/95	51	43	4	*	2
10/1/95	49	44	3	*	3
11/6/94	47	42	5	2	5
10/31/94	48	44	4	1	3
10/23/94	50	45	2	1	2
10/9/94	46	47	3	2	2
9/11/94	50	45	1	1	4
8/7/94	49	42	4	1	4
3/27/94	49	35	6	1	9
2/27/94	50	40	8	1	2
10/21/91	51	41	4	*	4
7/28/91	49	41	6	*	3
6/2/91	48	42	4	1	5
11/4/90	51	41	5	*	3
10/14/90	50	41	5	*	3
9/9/90	47	46	3	*	3
7/24/90	51	41	4	1	4
5/21/90	47	45	5	1	2
10/10/88	52	41	2	1	4
9/19/88	51	39	3	1	6
6/22/85	48	44	5	*	3
10/16/84	52	44	2	NA	5
9/11/84	53	45	2		1
7/8/84	58	40	2		1
10/27/82	58	39	NA		3

10/11/82	55	36				9
9/13/82	58	36				6
11/22/81	53	41	"	"	"	7

*1/27/02 and previous: No "other candidate" option recorded
 **9/2/10 and previous: "Will not vote (vol.)"
 ***5/19/13 and previous: Among registered voters

28. What's your view of the Tea Party political movement - would you say you support it strongly, support it somewhat, oppose it somewhat or oppose it strongly?

	----- Support -----			----- Oppose -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
10/20/13	36	9	27	54	20	34	10
5/19/13	40	10	30	43	21	22	17
8/25/12	44	13	31	42	18	24	14
8/5/12*	41	12	29	46	19	27	13
4/8/12	41	12	29	45	21	24	14
3/10/12	44	15	29	43	17	26	13
2/4/12	43	12	31	45	20	25	12
1/15/12	40	13	28	50	23	27	10
12/18/11	42	13	28	45	20	26	13
11/3/11	43	14	29	44	20	24	13
10/2/11	42	12	30	47	20	27	11
9/1/11	47	13	35	45	18	27	8
7/17/11	44	13	31	46	23	24	10
6/5/11	46	13	33	44	21	24	10
4/17/11	42	16	26	49	21	27	10

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Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
10/20/13	30	24	40	4	3
9/15/13	34	23	34	4	4
7/21/13	31	21	37	7	4
5/19/13	33	22	38	5	2
4/14/13	33	23	36	5	3
3/10/13	33	25	35	5	2
1/13/13	33	24	37	5	1
12/16/12	31	24	38	4	4
11/4/12	33	25	34	4	5
11/4/12 RV	33	27	35	3	2
11/4/12 LV	35	29	32	3	1
10/13/12	33	22	37	4	4
9/29/12	31	25	36	5	3
9/9/12	33	23	37	4	3
8/25/12	31	22	39	6	3
7/8/12	33	24	36	4	3
5/20/12	32	22	38	7	2
4/18/12	34	23	34	5	3
3/10/12	31	27	36	3	3
2/12/12	34	23	37	5	1
1/15/12	32	25	36	5	2

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